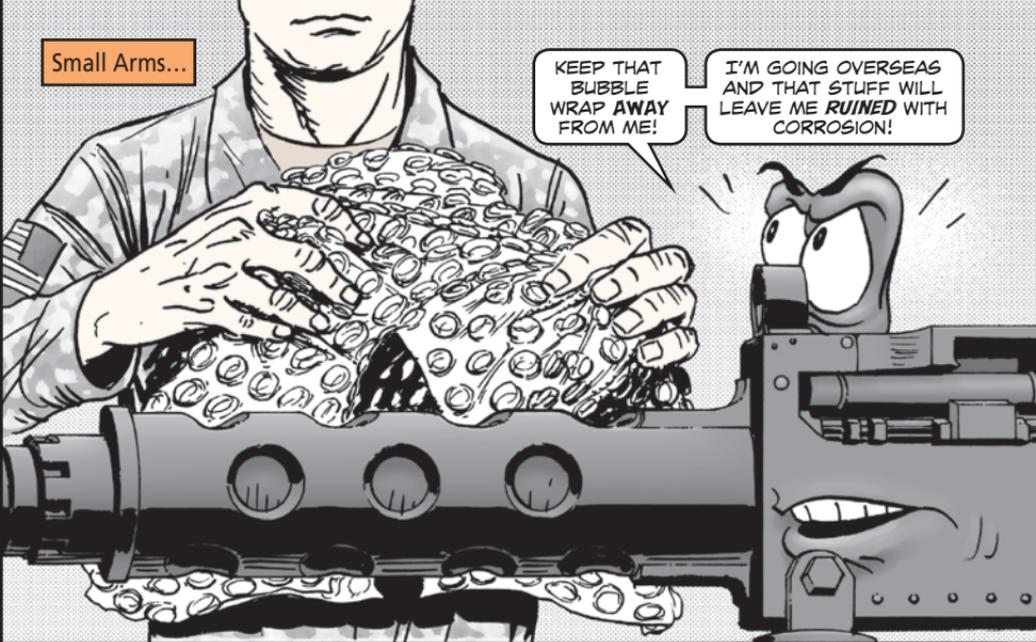


Small Arms...

KEEP THAT
BUBBLE
WRAP AWAY
FROM ME!

I'M GOING OVERSEAS
AND THAT STUFF WILL
LEAVE ME *RUINED* WITH
CORROSION!



NO BUBBLE WRAP FOR LONG TRIPS

Dear Editor,

Your article, "Pack for Safe Travel" on Page 36 in PS 734 (Jan 14), made a good point about the importance of padding and securing weapons for trips to the field or repair.

But one of the cushioning materials mentioned was bubble wrap. It should definitely *NOT* be used directly on a weapon that is going on a long trip for deployment or to depot for repair. Bubble wrap traps moisture, which causes corrosion. Your weapon could arrive riddled with corrosion.

For long distance shipping, weapons should be first lubed and then wrapped in volatile corrosion inhibitor (VCI) barrier paper. Secure the barrier paper with tape. NSN 8135-00-664-0015 brings a 3x600-ft roll of VCI barrier paper. Then, if you need padding for the weapon, you can wrap it in foam cushioning material. NSN 8135-00-300-4905 brings a roll that measures 225 feet x 30 inches.

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Editor's note: Excellent travel tips, Robert. Page 46 in PS 712 (Mar 12) had lots of information on shipping weapons. You can find it at:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/archives/PS2012/712/712-46.pdf>

Thanks for the help.